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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- (original) An acid labile drug composition comprising:
 an acid labile drug conjugated to ion exchange resin particles.
- 2. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the acid labile drug is a proton pump inhibitor.
- 3. (original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 4. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the ion exchange resin particles are anionic exchange resin particles.
- 5. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the conjugated acid labile drug and resin particles are coated with a low acid content enteric coating.
- 6. (original) The composition of claim 5 wherein the low acid content enteric coating has a potassium hydroxide equivalent acid content of under 200 mg per gram of coating.
- 7. (original) The composition of claim 5 wherein the low acid content enteric coating comprises at least one of polyvinyl acetate phthalate, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetate phthalate and methacrylic acid copolymer S-100 polymers.
- 8. (original) The composition of claim 7, wherein the low acid content enteric coating polymer has a free acid content of about 1.0% or less.

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9. (original) The composition of claim 8, wherein the low acid content enteric coating further comprises ethylcellulose.

10. (original) A method of making an acid labile drug composition comprising: slurrying ion exchange resin particles in a solution comprising an acid labile drug and a solvent, thereby creating a drug resin complex; and washing and drying said drug resin complex.

- 11. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the drug complex is sized to achieve a desired particle size.
- 12. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the ion exchange resin particles are anionic exchange resin particles.
- 13. (currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the acid labile drug is a proton pump-inhibitors inhibitor.
- 14. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 15. (original) A method of stabilizing an acid labile drug against degradation comprising: conjugating an acid labile drug with ion exchange resin particles.
- 16. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the acid labile drug is a proton pump inhibitor.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.

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18. (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the ion exchange resin particles are anionic exchange resin particles.

- 19. (original) A composition comprising a core containing an acid labile drug and a low acid content enteric coating disposed directly on the core.
- 20. (original) The composition of claim 19 wherein the low acid content enteric coating has a potassium hydroxide equivalent acid content less than 200 mg per gram of coating.
- 21. (currently amended) The composition of claim 19 wherein the acid labile drug is a proton pump-inhibitors inhibitor.
- 22. (original) The composition of claim 19 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 23. (original) The composition of claim 19 wherein the low acid content enteric coating comprises at least one of polyvinyl acetate phthalate and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetate phthalate.
- 24. (original) The composition of claim 23, wherein the low acid content enteric coating further comprises ethylcellulose.
- 25. (original) A method of making a self-suspending suspension comprising: slurrying ion exchange resin particles in a solution comprising an acid labile drug and a solvent, thereby creating a drug complex;

washing and drying said drug complex; sizing said complex to achieve an average particle size of about 45-80 microns; and dispersing the particles in a liquid to provide the self-suspending suspension. Applicant

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26. (original) The method of claim 25 further including a pharmaceutically acceptable buffering agent in an amount effective to maintain a pH of about 5-6.

- 27. (original) The method of claim 25 further including a small amount of a viscosity modifier.
- 28. (original) The method of claim 25 wherein the ion exchange resin is an anionic exchange resin.
- 29. (original) The method of claim 25 wherein the acid labile drug is a proton pump inhibitor.
- 30. (original) The method of claim 29 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 31. (original) A method of making an acid labile drug suspension comprising: slurrying ion exchange resin particles in a solution comprising an acid labile drug and a solvent, thereby creating a drug complex;

washing and drying said drug complex; and suspending said complex in an oil based suspension.

- 32. (original) The method of claim 31 wherein the drug complex is sized to achieve a desired particle size.
- 33. (original) The method of claim 31 wherein the resin is sized to achieve a desired particle size.
- 34. (original) The method of claim 31 wherein the ion exchange resin particles are anionic exchange resin particles.

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35. (original) The method of claim 31 wherein the acid labile drug is a proton pump inhibitor.

- 36. (original) The method of claim 35 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 37. (currently amended) An acid labile drug powder composition for mixing with water or other liquid to form a suspension comprising <u>an</u> acid labile drug conjugated to ion exchange resin particles.
- 38. (original) The composition of claim 37 wherein the acid labile drug is a proton pump inhibitor.
- 39. (original) The composition of claim 38 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 40. (original) The composition of claim 37 wherein the ion exchange resin particles are anionic exchange resin particles.
- 41. (original) A coated acid labile drug composition in which the coating has a low acid content.
- 42. (original) The composition of claim 41 wherein the coating is an enteric coating.
- 43. (original) The composition of claim 42 wherein the coating incorporates a low permeability polymer.

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44. (original) The composition of claim 41 wherein the coating comprises at least one of polyvinyl acetate phthalate, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetate phthalate and methacrylic acid copolymer S-100 polymers.

- 45. (original) A coated water sensitive drug composition in which the coating is a low acid content enteric coating which also incorporates a low permeability polymer.
- 46. (original) The composition of claim 45 wherein the coating comprises at least one of polyvinyl acetate phthalate, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetate phthalate and methacrylic acid copolymer S-100 polymers.
- 47. (original) The composition of claim 45 wherein the low permeability polymer is ethylcellulose.
- 48. (original) A powdered drug composition capable of being reconstituted into a suspension comprising:

an active drug conjugated to ion exchange resin particles.

- 49. (original) The composition of claim 48 wherein the active drug comprises a proton pump inhibitor.
- 50. (original) The composition of claim 49 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 51. (original) The composition of claim 48 wherein the ion exchange resin particles are anionic exchange resin particles.
- 52. (original) A method of treating severe erosive esophagitis, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), pathological hypersecretary conditions, peptic ulcer disease and gastric ulcers

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comprising administering a drug composition comprising a proton pump inhibitor conjugated to ion exchange resin particles.

- 53. (original) The method of claim 52 wherein the proton pump inhibitor is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, rabeprazole or leminoprazole.
- 54. (original) The method of claim 52 wherein the ion exchange resin particles are anionic exchange resin particles.